

Supplementary material

**Medium-term effects of straw helimulching on post-fire vegetation recovery in
shrublands in NW Spain**

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Table S1. Mixed-model tests of treatment effects on the different vegetation variables.

1-h, less than 6 mm diameter; 10-h, 6 mm to 2.5 cm diameter; 100-h, 2.5 cm to 7.5 cm diameter.

Numerator degrees of freedom = 1; Denominator degrees of freedom = 28.

Variable	F	p
Total vegetation cover (%)	0.495	0.482
Shrub cover (%)	1.705	0.192
Weighted height (cm)	0.079	0.779
Species richness	0.221	0.639
Total fuel load, Mg ha ⁻¹	0.069	0.793
Live 1-h shrub fraction, Mg ha ⁻¹	0.180	0.671
Dead 1- h shrub fraction, Mg ha ⁻¹	0.347	0.555
Live 10-h shrub fraction, Mg ha ⁻¹	0.455	0.500
Dead 10-h shrub fraction, Mg ha ⁻¹	0.111	0.739
Live 100-h shrub fraction, Mg ha ⁻¹	1.193	0.275
Dead 100-h shrub fraction, Mg ha ⁻¹	1.143	0.285
Litter+Duff, Mg ha ⁻¹	2.692	0.067

Table S2. Spearman correlation coefficients between vegetation variables and site factors

	Altitude (m)	Exposure (°)	Soil depth (m)	Stoniness (%)	Soil burn severity
<i>Control plots</i>					
Vegetation cover (%)	$\rho = -0.715$ $p = 0.003$	$\rho = 0.580$ $p = 0.023$	$\rho = 0.645$ $p = 0.009$	$\rho = -0.531$ $p = 0.054$	$\rho = -0.139$ $p = 0.623$
Weighted mean height (cm)	$\rho = 0.719$ $p = 0.003$	$\rho = -0.441$ $p = 0.084$	$\rho = 0.708$ $p = 0.028$	$\rho = -0.711$ $p = 0.026$	$\rho = 0.228$ $p = 0.591$
Total fuel load (kg m ⁻²)	$\rho = 0.446$ $p = 0.096$	$\rho = 0.429$ $p = 0.110$	$\rho = 0.542$ $p = 0.037$	$\rho = -0.683$ $p = 0.004$	$\rho = 0.273$ $p = 0.328$
Litter+duff load (kg m ⁻²)	$\rho = 0.269$ $p = 0.332$	$\rho = 0.454$ $p = 0.089$	$\rho = 0.563$ $p = 0.028$	$\rho = -0.658$ $p = 0.008$	$\rho = 0.386$ $p = 0.155$
<i>Mulched plots</i>					
Vegetation cover (%)	$\rho = -0.679$ $p = 0.005$	$\rho = 0.697$ $p = 0.004$	$\rho = 0.557$ $p = 0.031$	$\rho = -0.461$ $p = 0.121$	$\rho = -0.229$ $p = 0.413$
Weighted mean height (cm)	$\rho = 0.651$ $p = 0.009$	$\rho = -0.046$ $p = 0.085$	$\rho = 0.718$ $p = 0.003$	$\rho = -0.644$ $p = 0.010$	$\rho = 0.371$ $p = 0.174$
Total fuel load (kg m ⁻²)	$\rho = 0.285$ $p = 0.303$	$\rho = 0.470$ $p = 0.074$	$\rho = 0.547$ $p = 0.035$	$\rho = -0.653$ $p = 0.008$	$\rho = 0.349$ $p = 0.202$
Litter+duff load (kg m ⁻²)	$\rho = 0.503$ $p = 0.056$	$\rho = 0.258$ $p = 0.354$	$\rho = 0.352$ $p = 0.199$	$\rho = -0.423$ $p = 0.117$	$\rho = 0.183$ $p = 0.513$

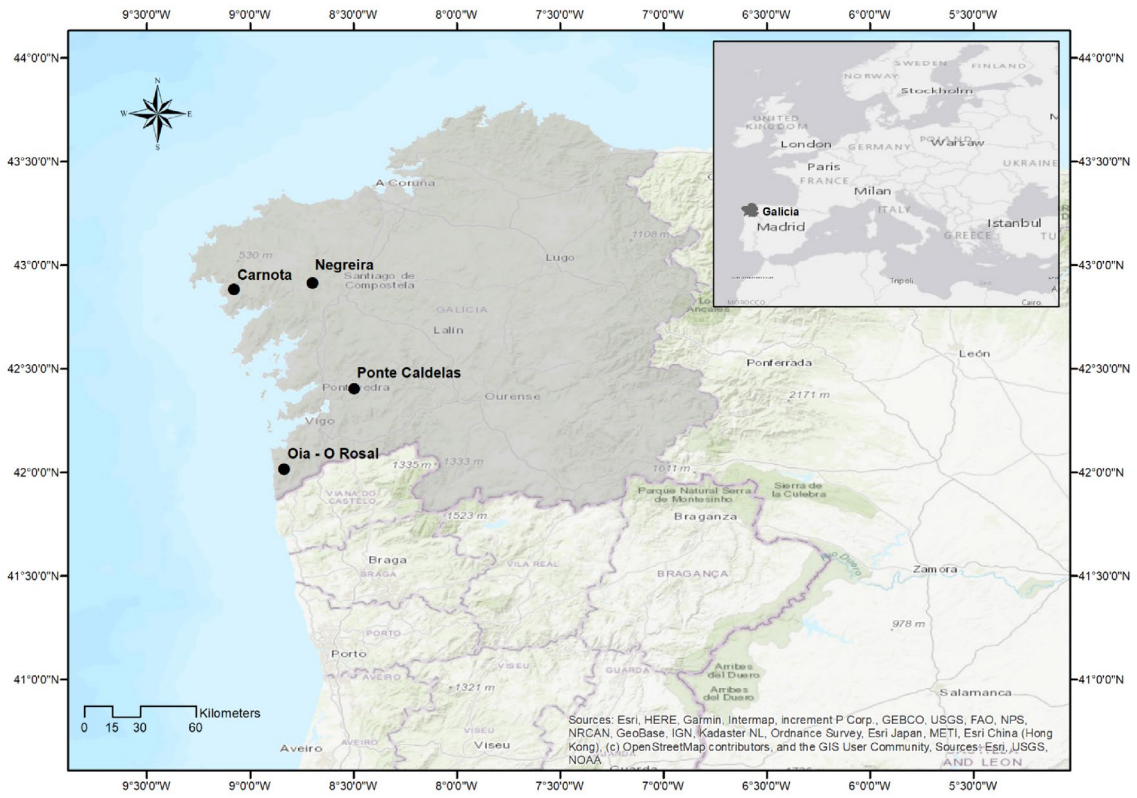


Figure S1. Location of the study sites